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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *JEF*  
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SUBJECT: **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP**

I would like to invite your office to participate in the second of a series of Community Emergency Preparedness Workshops the Department of Public Health (DPH) has developed to assist community and faith-based organizations in building their emergency preparedness and response plans. This workshop will focus on SPAs 7 and 8. Similar workshops are planned for all SPAs in the County. We hope you will extend the invitation to participate in this event to community-based and faith-based organizations in SPAs 7 and 8.

The workshop will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel, 5757 Telegraph Road, Commerce, CA 90040.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Bill Cassidy, will discuss his leadership role in turning an abandoned K-Mart into a functioning overflow hospital for Hurricane Katrina evacuees by mobilizing various community members and organizations. In 2006, Dr. Cassidy was elected to serve in the Louisiana State Senate.

Workshop participants will learn how to build capacity in their organizations by having a plan in place to respond during a disaster and help their communities recover. They will also be informed about the County's emergency response structure and how their organizations fit into this structure, and receive assistance to begin their organizations' emergency response planning.

Participants can register online at: [www.acteva.com/go/uriah](http://www.acteva.com/go/uriah) or contact Karen Gardner toll free at: (866) 714-3028 or email: [kgardner@uriahgroup.com](mailto:kgardner@uriahgroup.com), by April 7, 2008. Individual participants in each organization must register separately.

I hope you will be able to join us as we help our community agencies to better prepare for emergency situations.

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c: Sheila Shima